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In re application of: Beat MOLLET

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Examiner:

For:

NOVEL STRAINS OF THE BACILLUS

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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, enclosed are copies of five (5) references for the Examiner's review and consideration. The references are listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Also enclosed is a copy of the International Search Report from the corresponding foreign application on which the references are cited. It is respectfully requested that the references be made of record in this application by the Examiner's completion and return of Form PTO-1449.

No fee is believed to be due for the submission of the references. Should any fees be required, however, please charge such fees to Winston & Strawn Deposit Account No. 501-814.

Respectfully submitted,

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